



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yue-Luen Bai et al
Serial No. : 10/038,835
Filed : January 4, 2002
Title : DETECTION OF RESPIRATORY VIRUSES

Art Unit : 1648
Examiner : Myron G. Hill

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 11, 2003

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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genome). It is unreasonable to extrapolate data obtained on an artificial and purified sequence to a natural and unpurified sequence. Thus, the Examiner's conclusion is untenable.

In view of the above reasons and amendments, Applicants submit that all pending claims are non-obviousness over the cited references and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that grounds for the rejections asserted by the Examiner have been overcome, and that claims, as pending, define subject matter that is definite, sufficiently described, novel, and non-obvious. On this basis, it is submitted that allowance of this application is proper, and early favorable action is solicited.

Enclosed is a \$110 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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